

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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June 22, 2004

**FROM: JAMES A. FELTEN, Public Health Director
Department of Public Health**

**SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT WITH THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF SAN
BERNARDINO VALLEY, INC. TO PROVIDE SPAY AND NEUTER SERVICES**

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Amendment No. 3 to Contract No. 01-1137 with Humane Society of San Bernardino Valley, Inc., that increases the total contract by \$30,000, from \$90,000 to \$120,000, and extends the term of the agreement by one year to June 30, 2005 in order to provide continued spay/neuter services from a mobile clinic.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Approval of this Amendment with the Humane Society of San Bernardino Valley, Inc. (Society) will extend the contract term one year through June 30, 2005 and increase funding by \$30,000 to allow Society to continue providing spay and neuter services from a mobile clinic in the unincorporated areas of San Bernardino County.

On June 26, 2001, the Board of Supervisors (Board) addressed the problem of pet overpopulation through a Board Budget Policy Item, in the amount of \$180,000. The Department of Public Health was given \$150,000 to provide subsidies to low-income residents through the Spay and Neutering is Pet Positive (SNIPP) and Pet Over Population Control (POPCO) Programs. The remaining \$30,000 was allocated for spay/neuter services to be provided from a mobile clinic in the unincorporated areas of San Bernardino County.

On October 30, 2001, the Board approved Contract No. 01-1137 with the Society in the amount of \$30,000 to provide a mobile spay/neuter clinic from October 30, 2001 through June 30, 2002.

On June, 25, 2002, the Board approved Amendment No. 1 increasing the total contract amount by \$30,000, from \$30,000 to \$60,000, and extending the contract for the period of July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003.

On June, 24, 2003, the Board approved Amendment No. 2 increasing the total contract amount by \$30,000, from \$60,000 to \$90,000, and extending the contract for the period of July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004.

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The mobile clinic is staffed with a veterinarian, a certified veterinary technician, and a driver to provide sterilization of cats and dogs. The Society has the only fully equipped mobile clinic available to serve communities within the County, and has well-established community linkages within San Bernardino County that will maximize the opportunities for a successful mobile clinic spay/neuter program.

Under this agreement, the Society sets up and provides spay/neuter services from the mobile clinic at selected locations in the unincorporated areas of the County, including, but not limited to, Muscoy, Bloomington, Big Bear City, Crestline, and Valley of Enchantment. The County pays \$600 for each seven-hour day of service at each site. The mobile clinic spays or neuters 500 – 600 pets annually.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY OTHERS: This Contract has been reviewed by HSS Contracts (Lori Ciabattini, Contract Manager (909) 388-0253) on June 2, 2004 and County Counsel (Scott Runyan, Deputy County Counsel, (909) 387-9022) on June 7, 2004. This item has been reviewed by County Administrative Office (Beatriz Valdez, Administrative Analyst, (909) 388-0211) on June 9, 2004.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: This item imposes no additional local cost. This amendment for \$30,000 is financed exclusively by local cost. The Department of Public Health included \$180,000 in local cost in its Fiscal Year 2004-05 proposed budget for spay/neuter programs, including \$30,000 for the mobile clinic.

COST REDUCTION REVIEW: The County Administrative Office has reviewed this item and recommends approval, as the Amendment is consistent with the Board's policy of supporting spay/neuter programs.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT: Second, Third and Fourth

PRESENTER: James A. Felten, Public Health Director, (909) 387-9146

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